



Thanks, bro: Clayton Jacobson, left, hugs his brother, Footscray's Shane, as his best lead actor AFI award is announced last week. **Picture: Paul Rovere/The Age**

Loo film plaudits

CREATIVE brothers Clayton and Shane Jacobson shared a career highlight when Footscray-based Shane was announced as best lead actor at last week's AFI awards for his role in their film *Kenny*.

Older brother Clayton, of Pascoe Vale, had been nominated for four more AFI awards — best editing, best original screenplay, best directing and the major award, best film — at the Thursday night ceremony. The Jacobsons' father, Ronald, was also nominated for best supporting actor.

While *Kenny* missed out to Rolf de Heer's *Ten Canoes* and Paul Goldman's *Suburban Mayhem* for many of those awards, it beat both top-quality movies to win four awards, including best film, at the Inside Film Awards on Queensland's Gold Coast last month.

The brothers' hit film has also claimed the title of highest-grossing Australian film for 2006, earning \$5 million in 14 weeks and still going well at the box office.

The family's homespun movie, co-written by the brothers who grew up in Avondale Heights, is a comic look at the life of a kind-hearted, underdog plumber working in the Portaloos business.

Madman Films last week released the *Kenny* DVD in time for Christmas.

Clayton and Ron Jacobson ventured to Braybrook last Wednesday to promote the DVD at the local Blockbuster Video shop.



On the nose: Ron Jacobson in the Portaloos at Braybrook Blockbuster. **Picture: Craig Cahill**